[Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

Co-operative Department. The appointment of permanent Inspectors and staff in place of temporary men.

Anchal. A lump sum of Rs ·2 lakh mainly for the improvement of the pay of the Anchal Masters and Clerks in Anchal offices and Rs ·02 lakh for opening of additional Anchal Offices in the State.

Extension of Anchal Motor Services between Devicolam and Marayur, and Alleppey and Aroor and an extra service between Trivandrum and Nagercoil.

Observatory. A small provision has been made for starting pilot baloon observations.

34. The Budget provides for the continuance of the Third Bench of the High Court and of the temporary Second Judges' and Munsiffs' Courts and of the temporary Sirkar Vakils. Provision has also been made under General Administration for a revision of the Land Revenue Manual which could not be undertaken in the current year and for strengthening Municipal audits.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE NOT CHARGED TO REVENUE.

35. *Railways.* Rs 15·38 lakhs. The expenditure on the Chakkai-Thampanur extension which has had to be postponed to the next year has been already referred to. The provision in the next year's estimates for this work is Rs. 14·61 lakhs. This includes the cost of the land acquisition staff which is mainly employed on this scheme though ultimately a small portion of the charges will be debitable to the Trivandrum Water Works Scheme. A provision of Rs ·37 of a lakh is made for Surveys and Rs ·4 of a lakh for Works on the Quilon—Trivandrum Railway line.

36. *Trivandrum Water Works.* I have already stated that the budgeted expenditure on this scheme could not be spent in the current year. The investigations however, have made substantial progress and the Executive Engineer in charge of the Water Works has just returned after visiting important Water Works in various parts of India. The detailed estimate of the scheme will soon be ready. A provision of Rs 10 lakhs is made for expenditure in the next year.

37. *The Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.* The current year's provision is expected to be fully spent in the year. The supply of materials has been already arranged for and the materials are being received and the work is making rapid progress. The

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Chief Engineer expects that it will be possible to supply electrical energy for the town by Makaram next. The land for the Power House has been acquired and the building is under construction. The scheme as originally outlined and provisionally accepted by Government was expected to cost Rs 2·75 lakhs roughly but in the actual working of the scheme it has been found that this estimate requires revision mainly on account of increasing the distribution line by 10 miles in addition to the 16 miles already provided for. The revised estimate for the scheme amounting to Rs 4·11 lakhs, excluding the cost of land for the Power House, has been submitted by the Chief Engineer and is under the consideration of Government. The provision made in the budget estimate is Rs 3·44 lakhs. This includes funds for the construction of a telephone system in Trivandrum.

38. *Bridge across the Neendakara bar.* The difficulties of the public in having to cross the Neendakara bar by junghar are well known. The rapid extension of motor traffic has greatly accentuated the inconvenience. The new year's budget includes a lump provision for the construction of a suitable bridge across this bar. A fifteen feet carriage way with separate pathways on either side for pedestrians has been designed. The work has been classed as 'capital' and included in the capital programme as it is proposed to make it reproductive by the levy of a special toll for recoupment of the expenditure.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

39. I wish to make a brief mention as I did last year, of the **assets** and **liabilities** on our books.

Savings Bank Deposits. These stood at Rs 54 lakhs at the close of 1101 and rose to Rs 60 lakhs at the close of 1102. The figure of the current year's estimate is Rs 66·58 lakhs and at the close of the next year we expect to have Rs 72·58 lakhs invested with us by our Savings Bank depositors. The increase in business is very satisfactory as it shows that the benefits of the scheme are largely appreciated by the middle and lower classes. In this connection I should like to make mention of a facility that has recently been given as a temporary measure, to the Trivandrum Central Co-operative Bank which is the mainstay of the Co-operative movement in Travancore. Under existing rules, only the Devaswom Department and Local bodies are allowed to invest moneys in fixed deposits with the Government Savings Bank. This concession has been provisionally extended to the Trivandrum Central Co-operative Bank and a further facility has been given to the Bank, to

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